

Nathaniel Mayo – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

Nathaniel Mayo was the son of Rev. John Mayo. His brothers were Samuel who lived in Boston and John who moved from Eastham to Harwich (the section which later became Brewster) in the late 1600's.

Nathaniel married Hannah, daughter of Gov. Prence, in 1650. They had six children. Nathaniel who was prominent in Eastham died in 1662. Land grants in Nathaniel's name to his heirs continued until 1715. Nathaniel's widow Hannah married Jonathan Sparrow. Nathaniel and Hannah most likely are buried in unmarked graves in Cove Burying Ground. Hannah also is included on the Richard Sparrow monument in Cove which is next to the original 1706/7 gravestone of Jonathan Sparrow.

1659

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo three and one-half acres for a house lot.
PDF A158, M221.

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo ten acres of upland at Great Namskaket on the north side of land belonging to John Freeman. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF A158, M222, S24.

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo ten acres of upland at Pochet bounded by the highway and next to lots belonging to John Jenkins and John Mayo.
PDF A158, M223, S24.

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo two acres of meadow at Great Namskaket bounded by land of John Freeman and Ralph Smith. Bounds were indicated by marked trees and stakes in the ground. PDF A158, M223, S24.

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo two acres of meadow at Rock Harbor bounded by land of John Freeman and Job Cooke. Bounds were indicated by marked trees and stakes. PDF A158, M223, S24.

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo one acre of meadow on the south side of the mouth of Rock Harbor. PDF A158, M223.

Nathaniel Mayo exchanged land with Thomas Robards. Mayo received from Robards meadow at Little Namskaket. Robards received from Mayo three-quarters of an acre of meadow at Hunting House Creek at Billingsgate. PDF A158, M223.

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo, John Freeman and Lieut. Rogers two acres of swampy, reedy ground ay Boat Meadow for use as calves' pasture. PDF A158, M224. S24.

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo and Giles Hopkins one acre of meadow at Little Namskaket. Mayo exchanged his share with Thomas Robards for land at Billingsgate. Pdf A205, M119.

1679

The three sons of Nathaniel Mayo (Thomas, Samuel and Nathaniel) agreed about distribution of the land inherited from their father. The land holdings included ten acres of land near the Cove where Thomas and Nathaniel lived, ten acres of upland at Pochet next to land of Thomas Rogers, land at Great Namskaket, meadow at Boat Meadow, meadow at Rock Harbor and land at Indian Brook at Billingsgate. PDF A159, M224, S55.

1686

Ganted to Nathaniel Mayo two and one-half acres on the southwest side of his house and near the highway. Bounds were indicated by marked trees and stakes. (This probably is a grant to Nathaniel Mayo Jr.). PDF A133, M188, S17.

1694

Granted to the heirs of Nathaniel Mayo and Giles Hopkins one acre of meadow on the north side of Little Namskaket running from the spring down to the main river and next to land of Ralph Smith. PDF M218, S60

1700

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo Sr. the liberty to exchange his three acre lot formerly granted to his widowed mother. The exchange was for about three and one-half acres closer to his dwelling house. Nathaniel Sr. died in 1662 so this exchange must have involved his son Nathaniel. PDF A133, M188.

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo Sr. and his heirs a parcel of trees on the west side of his barn and next to his three acre lot. The dimensions of the parcel indicate that it was about one acre. PDF A133, M189.

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo Sr. and his heirs two acres of land at Long Pond near his other land and his dwelling house. PDF S92.

1703

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo and George Shaw and their heirs two parcels of meadow at Pochet high meadow near the beach and towards Potonamucut Harbor. The dimensions indicate the parcels were about one acre and four acres. PDF A276, M158, M159, S88.

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo and his heirs a parcel of meadow on Pochet flats by the beach towards Potonamucut Harbor. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about two acres. PDF A281, M169, S97.

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo, George Crisp and Richard Sparrow and their heirs a parcel of meadow at Pochet flats near Sampson's Island. The dimensions indicate the parcel was about four acres. PDF M145.

1706

The Town took land from Nathaniel Mayo and others at Sampson's Island so that the Town owned the entire island. The compensation by the Town to Nathaniel Mayo and his heirs was a grant of about one acre southwest of his house and adjoining his other land. The land was bounded by land of Thomas Mayo and John Paine. PDF A286, M47, M48.

1711

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo and his heirs a six acre wood lot next to land of John Brown. PDF T68.

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo and his heirs four acres of meadow on the northerly side of the meadow at the head of Blackfish Creek. The meadow was on the northeast side of the way that went to Little Billingsgate. PDF T68.

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo, Edmond Freeman, Isaac Freeman, Ebenezer Freeman, Israel Doane and Benjamin Higgins one of twenty-four lots laid out at Great Island at Billingsgate. The lot was about seven acres based on the partial dimensions given and the size of adjoining lots. (This grant probably involved Nathaniel Mayo Jr.). PDF T87.

1712

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo and his heirs three parcels of land near the Mayo dwelling house. The first parcel was about two and one-quarter acres on the east side of the cartway by Long Pond. The second parcel was about one-half acre on the eastern side of Long Pond beginning at the Mayo fence. The third parcel was about two acres on the north side of the Mayo property. Bounds of these parcels were indicated by stones and marked trees. PDF T68.

Part of Nathaniel Mayo's land near the Mayo house was taken for repairing the highway. In return Nathaniel Mayo and his heirs were granted land on the east side of the highway and near the house. The land dimensions indicate the grant was about one acre. PDF T185.

1715

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo and his heirs three parcels of land near his dwelling house. The first parcel was about one-quarter acre next to the cartway that goes by the pond and adjoining his other land. The second parcel was about one-quarter acre near the pond and adjoining his other land. The third parcel was about eighteen acres on the north side of his house. PDF T234, T231. (the PDF pages are out of order because the record pages were out of order when scanned)

Granted to Nathaniel Mayo and his heirs a wood lot of about thirty-two acres. Based on the information about surrounding wood lots, this lot probably was on the east side of the way to Billingsgate. It was 264 feet wide and probably ran one mile to the east to the backside sea. PDF T267.

The Eastham land owned by Nathaniel Mayo or granted in his name to his heirs described in these records amounts to about 120 acres. By 1745 not counting his father twenty-one more Mayos received Eastham land grants.